MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to part (2) of the answer given, may I know how long the Government would watch the arrangement?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that definitely.

Posting of Excise Officers at Devicolam and in the Salt Factories.

280. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any principle is followed in the posting of subordinates at Devicolam and at the salt factories in South Travancore by the Excise Commissioner?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no definite principle in regard to the posting of subordinates to the Devicolam and Salt Factories Divisions. The exigencies of the service are the determining factors.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that the subordinates do not like to be at Devicolam and in the Salt Factories Division for a long time on account of various difficulties?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Some may like and others may not. It is a question of individual likes and dislikes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Are the Government aware that not many of the subordinates are remaining at Devicolam for a long time?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI ((*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That matter has not been brought to the notice of the Government.

Removal of Liquor Shops from Valiaturai.

281. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Is it a fact that the inhabitants of Valiaturai petitioned the Excise Commissioner regarding the removal of the toddy and arrack shops to a distant place from their present sites and, if so, what action has been taken on it?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. A petition was received by the Excise Commissioner on the subject of the removal of toddy shop No. 9 to another site and orders were issued by him for removing the shop to an unobjectionable site. The shop has been abolished for the next contract for the years 1102-1103.

Protector of Depressed Classes.

282. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that they have decided to appoint a separate officer as the Protector of the Depressed Classes and that they have selected a Tiyya gentleman from Cochin for the place?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to state the reason for selecting a foreigner for the post?

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